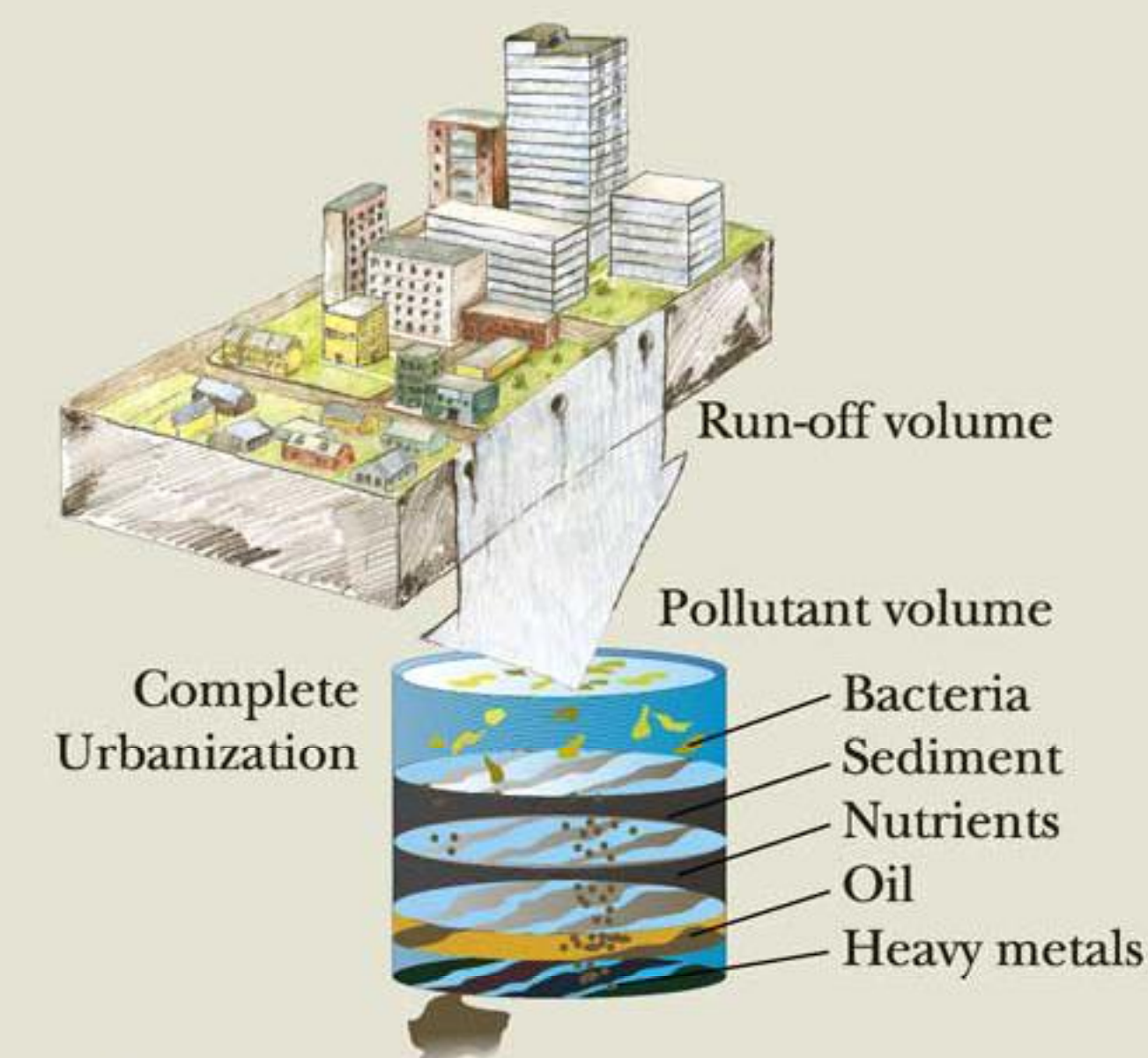


**The Chesapeake Bay Begins on Your Street.** You are standing in the Severn River Watershed. A watershed is the land that drains, or sends its snow, rain and usually its underground water to a single waterbody. Shown to the left, is the Weems Creek Watershed. This sub-watershed is connected to the Chesapeake Bay through the Severn River.



**If it gets in the street it gets in the creek.** Impervious surfaces, like rooftops, roads and this parking lot, do not absorb or allow the infiltration of rainfall. As a result, more rainwater travels over the surface, washing various pollutants like excess nutrients, lead, copper, engine oil, gasoline and engine coolant collected on this parking lot towards Weems Creek and the Chesapeake Bay.

# Chesapeake Bay Clean-up in Progress

## Rain Gardens At Work.



## Now it's Your Turn...

Planting a rain garden in your yard may seem like a small thing, but capturing the first inch of water from a storm in a rain garden keeps 90% of pollutants and nutrients out of the local streams and rivers. Keeping rain where it falls by putting it into a rain garden will help protect our rivers, streams and the Chesapeake Bay. To learn how to install your own rain garden, visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov/ed](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/ed)



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